



# **CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

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MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 21, 2008

ITEM NUMBER:

SUBJECT: THE GREAT HOME MAKEOVER PLANS: STANDARDIZED PLANS FOR THE FREEDOM HOMES

DATE: OCTOBER 13, 2008

FROM: PLANNING DIVISION/DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive the *Standardized Plans for the Freedom Homes* and direct staff to have the document available to the public.

## **BACKGROUND:**

Pursuant to Council direction, staff prepared standardized plans for the most popular building additions to the Freedom Homes. The purpose of the Freedom Homes "**Great Home Makeover**" plans is to be a valuable resource to homeowners by completing basic design work, yet the plans allow homeowners to further customize the plans to suit their needs. In doing so, homeowners could reduce time and cost associated with planning/building room additions to their Freedom Home.

Staff will provide an overview of the Great Home Makeover Plans at the October 21, 2008 Council meeting, which will serve as an official launch of the plans to the community.

## **DISCUSSION:**

***Improving and revitalizing the Westside is a priority of the Costa Mesa City Council.***

This idea was originally envisioned by Mayor Eric Bever. At the August 2007 study session, Council gave positive feedback initiating the standardized plans for the Freedom Homes tract. A Request for Proposals process was initiated, and a contract awarded to Bob Wilson in January, 2008.

Taking the first step towards home improvement could be considered the hardest step. This first step could represent an investment of \$4000-\$5000 in architectural design fees. These standardized plans would help homeowners with the initial creative and technical process of home renovation by suggesting typical room addition projects based on the

The City contracted with Bob Wilson of B.I. Wilson & Sons. Mr. Wilson produced the standardized plans based on 20+ years of working experience in the Freedom Homes tract. Mary Fewel, a local realtor, also provided helpful feedback on the most popular home improvements during this process.

The Freedom Homes Standardized Plans will be available to the general public. All of these improvements increase the value of these homes, and these "Great Home Makeovers" symbolize pride in ownership.

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